



August/September, 2016

Slogan Contest for New Bowls USA Website!



EXCITING NEWS...as previously mentioned in the last newsletter, we are instituting a slogan contest for our new Bowls USA website, which will be launched at the start of the US Open (beginning of November 2016). With the new look and feel of the Bowls USA website, we thought it would be a great time to update and create a new slogan for Bowls USA. We would like the new slogan to encompass what Bowls USA stands for to all its current members as well as attracting new bowlers & members. Whenever we mention Bowls USA, we want the "new slogan" to resonate to our different audiences.

The winner of the slogan contest will be officially announced at the 2016 US Open and will receive the following:

Bowls USA membership will be waived for 1 year (2017), including 2 additional new memberships
Recognition on the Bowls USA website for the creation of the new slogan

Contest rules:

Slogan needs to be 15 words or less

Only 2 slogans can be submitted per person

Please email your entries to news@bowlsusa.us with the subject line: 'Slogan Contest'. All entries must be in by October 31, 2016

Winner will be selected by the most votes by the Bowls USA Executive Committee and Councilors

Winner will be selected by November 11, 2016 and will be notified prior to announcement at the 2016 US Open

2016 North American Challenge



The North American Challenge (NAC) is a bowls matchup between Canada and the United States of America. For 2016, the event was held September 29 – October 1 at the Pacific Indoor Bowls Club (PIBC) in Vancouver, BC.

The NAC is played bi-annually in even years with locations alternating between the USA and Canada. First being held in 1995, the tournament is sanctioned by World Bowls as an international event. Each country fields two teams: a Jarvis team and a Folkins team. Each team consists of five male and five female athletes. The teams are named after Dick Folkins, a legendary American bowler, and Graham Jarvis, a long time international contender for Canada.

Congratulations!



Winning Jarvis Women's Team (L-R) Anne Nunes, Team Captain, Janice Bell, Candy DeFazio, Kim Heiser and Michele Arculli. This is the first time since 2008 Team USA has won the Jarvis trophy

Thank you...

To all the people who supported Team USA with donations through raffle tickets, Go-Fund Me and personal donations.

It is greatly appreciated by the entire Team USA!



Team USA

Team USA attending The North American Challenge

Front Row: Charlie Herbert

Second Row (L-R) Sean McMorris, Bill Brault, Kay Tong, James Flower, Phil Dunn, Tony Baer, Matt Bauchiero, Grant Shear

Back Row: Margi Rambo, Alexis Vanden Bos, Frank Souza, Men's Team Manager, Anne Nunes, Anna Witt, Cheryl Barchovick, Alice Birkenshaw, Michele Arculli, Kim Heiser, Candy DeFazio, Janice Bell, Brenda Wright, Women's Team Manager and Linda Roberts.

A complete list of the games and scores is on the Bowls USA website at [North American Challenge](#).





2016 National Championships
Sun City West, Arizona
October 25-29, 2016



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2016 National Championships Players

**The Competition Includes 16 Single Players and 32 Pairs Players
Winners will be listed as their Division Play-Downs conclude.**

DIVISION	WOMEN'S SINGLES	WOMEN'S PAIRS	MEN'S SINGLES	MEN'S PAIRS
Central	Pat Wimmer Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Anna Witt – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rebecca Nyugen – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Jim Grzybowski Milwaukee Lake Park, MN	Bob Schneider – Skip Milwaukee Lake Park, MN Rob Behnecke – Lead Milwaukee Lake Park, MN
Northeast	Michele Arculli Essex County, NY	Frances Shen – Skip Essex County, NJ Veronica Sum – Lead Essex County, NJ	Dan Berg Williamsburg, VA	Patrick Duffy – Skip Essex County, NJ Burl Roller – Lead Essex County, NJ
Northwest	Nita Chambers Jefferson Park, WA	Nancy Nishikawa – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Amy Alesio – Lead Jefferson Park, WA	Chris Davis Jefferson Park, WA	Jeff Covell – Skip Jefferson Park, WA Todd Wagers - Lead Jefferson Park, WA
PIMD	Pauline DeAssis Rossmoor, CA	Ginger Harris - Skip Palo Alto, CA Janice Bell – Lead Oakland, CA	Nick Christensen San Jose, CA	Marcus Zeino – Skip San Francisco, CA Bill Lee – Lead Rossmoor, CA
South Central	Sharon Perry Sun City Grand, AZ	Regina Banares – Skip Sun City, AZ Alice Birkinshaw – Lead Sun City, AZ	Ron Rollick Sun City Grand, AZ	Bob Birkinshaw – Skip Sun City, AZ Bill Pearson – Lead Sun City, AZ
Southeast	Jackie Williamson Mount Dora, FL	Christine Garbett – Skip Lakeland, FL Sandy Wall – Lead World Parkway, FL	Bud Ricucci Mount Dora, FL	Steve Nelson – Skip Asheville, NC Jon Peele – Lead Mount Dora, FL
Southwest ****	Margi Rambo Santa Anita, CA	Kottia Spangler – Skip Riverside, CA Dee McSparran – Lead Sun City, CA	Robert Busciglio Long Beach, CA	Steve Smith – Skip Coronado, CA Bill Brault – Lead San Diego, CA
Southwest ////	Rosa Baer Laguna Woods, CA	Eva Lee – Skip Laguna Woods, CA Candy DeFazio – Lead Long Beach, CA	Scott Roberts Laguna Beach, CA	Jim Olson – Skip Coronado, CA Ed Quo – Lead Laguna Woods, CA

Umpires Corner

We've all seen it done and we're all fairly sure it's okay, but there's always been that lingering doubt -- can you really cross those fingers and sort of, kind of, almost guess (or calculate or estimate) which bowl is holding shot? Can you really put the toe of your foot at the midway point between two bowls and judge whether one of them is closer to the jack?

The answer is yes, you can. It is important to note, however, that that toe of the foot is at the midway point between two bowls, not between a bowl and the jack. Nothing may be placed on the green between the jack and a bowl for the purpose of determining shot until the last bowl in an end has come to rest and the process of deciding the result of an end has ensued.

Here's how World Bowls describes it:

As 'measuring' in law 23.3 means deciding (not calculating) a distance and law 23.3 allows for equipment other than that specifically listed in law 54 to be used, the Law Committee is of the view that the placing of any equipment or other fixed-length object between the jack and bowls to decide which bowls are shot would constitute 'measuring'. The use of such equipment or objects during an end, therefore, would be in breach of law 23.3. Examples in addition to those described in law 54 include equipment used whilst playing the game (mats, scorecards, pens, cloths, bowls lifters and so on) and objects such as a player's foot.

Examples of equipment or objects which, when used during an end, would not be deemed to be in breach of law 23.3 include cross-fingers and devices comprising concentric circles within a transparent frame which are held approximately waist high, and equipment or objects (such as a player's foot) placed alongside or parallel to (but not directly between) the jack and the bowls.

So there you have it. Love the use of the word "whilst" -- not something we say very often in this neck o' the woods.

Melanie A Vizenor

Bowls USA, NUIC



Golden Bias Club

Unlike other sports and other athletes, our Team USA players who represent us on the world stage of lawn bowls don't get a pay check. They strive to be the best; they put in the extra hours for practice and take time off work to travel overseas, all for the love of our sport and our country. They represent the ideals of all that we love about the sport. If you talk to any of them, you will discover how proud they are of the privilege to represent the USA in the sport of Lawn Bowls.

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Annual membership contributions are \$50. New members receive a Golden Bias Club lapel pin and a bar to recognize the year. Renewing members receive another year bar to add to the pin.



Memorial Fund

The USLBA Memorial Fund, Inc., is a tax exempt* organization to permit individuals or corporations to make tax deductible contributions to further the sport of lawn bowls in the USA. Your support via this fund helps to promote lawn bowls and keep alive a sport we all have come to love so much.

At the Bowls USA website www.bowlsusa.us you can find out the Memorial Fund by clicking on the menu on the left side of the Home Page.



Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club Hosting 2016 Bowls USA Open

November 12– 19, 2016

This November, the Sarasota Bayfront will be festooned with the colored shirts of athletes from around the world as Sarasota hosts the Bowls USA 2016 and 2017 US Open Lawn Bowling Championships.

The Sarasota Lawn Bowling Club is the oldest tenant on the Bayfront established in 1927. The event is a collaboration between the City of Sarasota, Visit Sarasota, both City and County Parks and Recreation Departments. Other groups like Sister Cities, Historical Society, Caledonian Club and the Garden Club have all added their support to welcome participating athletes from 14 countries.

Lawn Bowling has been a tradition in Sarasota for 90 years and recently was hailed as one of the areas fastest growing sports.

According to Daniel Jittu, Chairman of the US Open, the games will showcase the sport to Sarasotans while showcasing Sarasota to the world. US Open tickets and the Health and Lifestyle Expo coinciding with the event will be free to the public. For more information: www.bowlsusopen.com.

Around the Country



Northeast Division Editor: Alex Last

Thistle LBC of Hartford, CT visits the NYLBC

On August 14th, a large contingent of the Thistle club members came down to Central Park in New York City for a couple of friendly games. Despite the withering heat and humidity, we got in 2 games, and had a very nice sandwich lunch on our green. The NYLBC plans to pay a visit to Hartford in October.



The combined contingent, 28 strong, of the NY and Thistle LBCs, gathered on the green in Central Park, August 14th, 2016.

In Memoriam

Lois Saledin of Frick Park passed away on June 16, 2016. Lois played in many US Championships with her partner Eileen Luba. She and her partner won pairs. Lois played in many divisional opens and also in Canada for their inaugural open. Her talents will be missed.

Turbocharge Membership Development: Offer An Osher Lawn Bowling Course!

Before the 2016 season, the Frick Park Lawn Bowling Club (FPLBC) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania sought new members in many conventional ways: offering a free introductory lesson; recruiting by word of mouth; giving impromptu demonstrations for interested passersby; hanging banners and literature boxes on the greens fence; as well as distributing posters and flyers.

Yet net annual membership numbers remained relatively flat, with small yearly increases sometimes just covering attrition. How, some leaders wondered, could the club turbocharge membership development?

At the suggestion of member Russell Sheldon, the club decided to offer a hands-on lawn bowling course through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). Osher Institutes offer adults age 50 and older a wide range of low-cost, short courses. There are 119 Osher Institutes in colleges and universities around the country—at least one in every state. CMU's institute has over 2,000 participants and is always looking to expand its course offerings.

To deliver the course, long-time club members Wick Hall and Eileen Luba—who are trained as Bowls USA club coaches—assembled a team of nine members to act as coaching assistants and then led the development of a greens-based, five-session curriculum. Each two-hour session featured a different skill-building exercise and a different form of play (e.g., cut-throat, singles, doubles, and triples). A total of 49 CMU Osher participants requested admission to the first course.



Coaches Wick and Eileen

CMU-Osher will offer the course again in its 2017 spring catalog, and the FPLBC may also offer the course through the University of Pittsburgh's Osher Institute.

To receive the CMU Osher lawn bowling course description and a brief course curriculum summary, contact Doreen Alexander, FPLBC President (daleks1950@gmail.com).



Southeast Division Editor: Garry Higgins

Sun City Center, Florida

Summertime in Florida welcomes warm mornings and passing showers in the afternoon. Our bowlers adapt to all the seasons, some with more enthusiasm than others. Many are snowbirds and head north to escape the heat and humidity. Others stay put and enjoy bowling that is available in the mornings, afternoons and early evenings.

Our Tournament Director, Joe Mignogna, sets up a fun group of tournaments to be played on the following holidays; Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day. Our Labor Day Tournament saw 28 bowlers out for a game of 4-3-2-1 (and lunch) on a very hot and humid day. The two game event was won by first year bowler, Eric Porr.

Bob Fladung's Fall League has started. Lots of members have joined this fun league with relaxed rules.



Our Greens Director, Jerry Healy has put his heart and soul into the complete reconstruction of all three greens during the past few months. This in order to have them ready and in good shape for the U.S. Open to be played November 12 - 19, 2016. And, just as important, to have the greens in playable condition for our regular, daily bowlers.

Members have been coming out to help when needed, especially for the sanding. Jerry put out a thank you to the club wanting everyone to know why this important job was given to club members. He said, "The simple answer is, only a bowler really knows or cares how important it is to have a level and smooth playing surface. We just cannot hire that kind of caring or knowledge". Cont.

Each month from October through June we welcome all who are interested in lawn bowling to come out and join in a free class designed to give them a feel of the game and learn how it is played. Bob Fladung, along with a team of helpers, teach the basic rules and etiquette and the finer points of lawn bowling.

The snowbirds are returning and are joining right in, both in the open bowling held each day and the tournaments on our calendar. Welcome back snowbirds. We missed you and you missed the fun and camaraderie of our Sun City Center Lawn Bowling Club. Submitted by Marge Lange

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Mount Dora, Florida

Labor Day Social

This year's Labor Day Social was a blast with 46 bowlers participating in a game called "Follow the Leader." Each player played each position, lead, vice and skip, for four ends in the 12 end game. This format provided those who do not normally skip the opportunity to show off their skipping skills and skips got to demonstrate their jack throwing abilities to the amusement of their teammates.

After the game, players moved to the clubhouse for lunch and were joined by other members for a total of 81 to celebrate the last holiday of the summer. Becky and Rick Fitzgerald were the chairpersons for the day's events and did a wonderful job. Spanish hamburgers were served for lunch and cookies for dessert. A big hit of the day was the pie auction. Several members baked pies for the occasion to be auctioned off as a fundraiser to upgrade the club's Christmas lighting. In addition to the pie auction and donations by club members, raffle tickets were sold which in total netted the club over \$400.

The Fitzgerald's hard working committee members were JoEllen Braun, Dave and Nancy DeSecki, Barb and Joey Mills, Barb Stroud and Karen Valente. Thanks to all who helped make the day a success and apologies to anyone not mentioned.

Bud Ricucci

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Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club

Before and After

The Lakeland Club moved to its Lake Parker Park in Lakeland location in 2003. The City of Lakeland provided an artificial surface at the new location but this carpet over the intervening years deteriorated.

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Lakeland Lawn Bowling Club cont.



Before



After

The Club discussed replacing the carpet with the City but it became obvious that this option was not going to be available and the Lakeland Club decided to look for a contractor to clean and maintain the playing surface for the remaining life of the carpet. This was achieved and the Club met the initial cost of \$2,000.

The playing surface improved dramatically and the remaining games of last season were more enjoyable for the members. However this was not the end of the story and it was obvious the continued maintenance would be required to keep the carpet in its new condition.

A request was submitted to Bowls USA under its grant program seeking help with this continuing cost. Happily, the Grant Committee gave this request favorable consideration and the Lakeland Club received a very generous award of \$600.

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The Villages Lawn Bowls Club

Still Growing

The club continues to grow and during the summer months has had a steady increase of interest in the sport. Many different formats and games have been used since April, including 4-3-2-1, singles, pairs, triples and Australian pairs. All of the new bowlers have become very proficient and some of the new bowlers who have joined Bowls USA/SED are eager to take part in outside tournaments, including the Men's Pairs at Sun City Center in November. Cont.

Still Growing cont.

Present membership of the club is now around sixty and it is expected to have a good number becoming members of the Associations this winter. John and Christine Garbett took a group of bowlers to try the newly improved carpet green at Lakeland – which after a few ends the new bowlers had mastered very well and then took part in a game. This was followed by lunch at the Country Angels in Polk City en route back to The Villages. All commented that they had very much enjoyed this new experience and another trip is to be planned for October. The Bowls USA/SED members look forward to the Lakeland Men vs Women Game in January and also to entering Polk Senior Games next March.

Renovated Green

The green at The Villages, with the assistance of the new crew and very knowledgeable lead person now appointed to take care of the golf courses and green spaces, has undergone some renovation after the summer heat and is playing and looking excellent. Seven rinks are now available for play having been readjusted from the previous over regulation size six rinks.



The 2016/2017 season schedule is filling up. In November we will have our second Annual General Meeting. In December, specially invited bowlers from outside clubs will take part in the third Tri-City game along with Village bowlers. Lawn bowling will be featured in the 2017, Villages Senior Games for the second year running. In early April we will host the second annual 'Rio Grande Game' tournament with selected invitees.

Memorial Shield Mixed Triples Championship



Congratulations to the Truro team (pictured left to right) of Jim Granville, Patti Granville and Chris Donnachie, for a third place win in the Memorial Shield Mixed Triples Championship, at the Dartmouth (Nova Scotia) Lawn Bowls Club. We are looking forward to seeing the Granvilles back at The Villages before long.



Village Green Bowls Club

Little Rock, Arkansas



Greetings from the Village Green Bowls Club (VGBC)!! We are located in the gated community of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. Yes, that is Arkansas! The "Village" is about one hour West of Little Rock.

VGBC was organized in 1978, with at least one member from the U.K., and we currently have 58 members. We have a full calendar of Leagues and Tournaments, as well as Social days. In addition to our regular activities, we aim to do at least one community service event during the year. For the past 3 years, we have taught vision impaired young people from a nearby camp.

Since our Club is rather isolated, we have had very little, if any, interaction with other clubs. Most members, including myself, have not even been aware that there are Divisions, National and World organizations! So, as President of the Club, I have joined the Central Division as an at-large member, and have begun the process of educating myself! I have had excellent communication with Anna Witt and Daniel Jittu, great people!

My goal as President? To educate Villagers about the sport of Bowls and to increase Club awareness of opportunities outside of our Village gates.

Finally, on behalf of VGBC, I want to extend an invitation to you to visit our beautiful Village. We bowl year round, when the temps are over 45 degrees! This is a gated community, so a pass is necessary.

Please give me a call at least two weeks in advance so we can plan your visit. By the way, there are great rental opportunities inside the Village! You can find us through the Village Website: www.hsvpoa.org by clicking on the Recreation link.

Hope to see you on the Green!

Sharon Sands, President, VGBC

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Bowls Chat!

For those of you who just can't get enough information on Lawn Bowls, check out a fairly new web site called "BowlsChat". It is administered in the UK, but is international in its coverage of the sport. Some SED clubs are well represented with pictures and other information.

BowlsChat is a website designed specifically for the [Bowling Community](#) with multiple features to allow Outdoor, Indoor and Short Mat bowlers around the world to interact, share information and communicate in a private and secure online environment.

The [BowlsChat Community](#) is the perfect place to share individual or team experiences, promote your club and interact with other bowlers at home or abroad. BowlsChat can be accessed anywhere at any time on any device, so use it to increase awareness of the game of bowls and help to develop the game around the world.

Lawn Bowling in the Olympics?

World Bowls has now submitted its Recognition Request File to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Sports Department. Commenting on the submission World Bowls Chief Executive Gary Smith said:

"Our Recognition Request File will now be studied and processed by the IOC Sports Department before passing to the IOC Executive Board for consideration at their December 2016 meeting. Obtaining IOC recognition is a necessary initial step in order to be able to progress an application for our sport to be included in future Olympic Games." If approved, lawn bowls could be played in the 2024 Summer Olympic Games.

Los Angeles has applied to host the 2024 Olympics.



Little Rock, Arkansas cont.



Liberty Bowl Tournament Results: Sharon Sands-first, Roger White-third, Sharon Board-fourth, Lyle Wheatcroft-second. Lyle is 90 and our oldest active Bowler!



Club members waiting for the first Open House attendees.

Milwaukee Lake Park Coaches' Clinic

In August 9 members of the Milwaukee Lake Park Lawn Bowling Club participated in a weekend coaches' clinic. Bowls USA sent Jackie Tucker and Kottia Spangler to Milwaukee to provide the weekend activity. The Milwaukee participants were Mike Bennett, Charlene Harmon, Carl Landgren, Glorianne Mather, Alice Sedgwick, Steve Sedgwick, Min Waite, Pat Wimmer, and Anna Witt.

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Milwaukee Lake Park Coaches' Clinic, cont.

Everyone agreed that the techniques that were presented will make our teaching more effective and enjoyable for the new bowlers. Right now we are practicing what we have learned and at a later date get together to evaluate what we are teaching and how effective it has been. We want to thank Jackie and Kottia for their instruction and their dedication to the game. We all had fun and felt a sense of camaraderie with the members of the group.

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News from the Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club

by Marty White

With a hot start to September we here in Cincinnati are looking towards about 7 more weeks of great bowling. We're in the middle of Club Championships for Men's & Women's Singles, Doubles (any mix), and our 2nd year of a Cut-Throat Trophy. The duo of Jerry Robinson & Bob Elson have already won the Doubles.

Our September Tournament was won by Jack Quick (who honed his skills in Florida), 2nd Place Tie went to Owen Brown & John Groth, Most Improved was Owen Brown, and the hotly contested winner of the Spider was Joe White. Believe it or not, that one resulted in a roll off for the bottle of Champagne.

Nice dilemma: Our green is located in a very pretty county park on a golf course with a "miles long" bike trailhead 20 feet away. Many people stop by while we are bowling, or come to "try it" because we offer 2 free sessions with a 15 minute crash course in the game before start time. Since we are in a public park we need to be accessible when we are open but our board is interested in how other clubs handle drop ins. Are greens only open certain days for newbies? Are reservations required? Are weekends only for members? Is one rink and one member designated to these prospective bowlers? At the moment we're open Tues & Thurs evenings, Saturday mornings and 3rd Sundays. Inquiring minds want to know how other clubs handle this fine line between letting members just play and still encouraging the public. We have 50+ members which is an all-time high with about 25 bowling regularly. Age range is 23 to 90.

If you have insights into our "nice dilemma" please email me mjwhite1242@gmail.com or go through our website www.lawnbowling.org as all the "info" contacts come to me. Thanks!



Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club cont.



Winners of the Cincinnati September Tournament. (sorry, no names included with the photo.)

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Sydney Steller Invitational

Milwaukee, Wisconsin LBC

On Saturday Sept. 10th 6 women participated in the Sydney Steller Invitational. This tournament has been in existence in Milwaukee since 1984.

The day included triples, pairs and singles competition. Winnings were shared by 4 women. Participants included Glorianne Mather, Pat Mueller, Rebecca Nguyen, Min Waite, Pat Wimmer, and Anna Witt.

AnnaWitt was the tournament director.



Ladies of the Sydney Stellar Invitational

Milwaukee LBC

Otto Hess Invitational

Milwaukee LBC



A formidable field toed the mat to start the Otto Hess Invitational tournament on September 10. Entered were five current or formal national champions along with another former team USA member.

After a rain soaked morning where the guys with sticky fingers prevailed, the skies cleared after lunch and the sun shined on winners Rob Behncke and Jim Gryzbowski. Bob Schneider and Joe Zinna came in second, with Mark Mathwig, Dat Nguyen, and his afternoon substitute Max Cavender finishing in third.

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Milwaukee Lake Park LBC Holds Vet-Novice Tournament



Milwaukee Lake Park held its annual Veteran/Novice tournament on September 24.

The competition was very close and plus points determined the winner. first place-Tom Vanderbilt-Skip and Mike Bennett-Novice.

Second place - Pat Wimmer, skip and Jeanne Kollmeyer, novice

Our fall weather continues to be warm and we are taking advantage by continuing to bowl as often as we can. This tournament had 8 participants and they all enjoyed a day of bowling.



Northwest Division Editor: Candee Wilson



Southwest Division Editor: Ronald Neef

The Portland LBC Continues Its Community Outreach



Ladies from Pioneer Adult Community Center

In July the Portland LBC hosted a group of ladies from the Pioneer Adult Community Center in Oregon City, Oregon, to learn the basics of lawn bowling. We gathered in the clubhouse where Ernie Carlson gave a brief lecture on the history of the sport, explained the fundamentals, and discussed safety issues. Then we all headed for the green, where Ernie and Mark Lambert demonstrated the grip, stance, and delivery.

After a few practice bowls, we divided the ladies into teams and commenced play. You can see from the smiles that we all had a lot of fun!



Ernie Carlson Teaching Bowling Basics

Holmby Park Wednesday Evening Bowling

Holmby Park has just completed its second season of Summer Wednesday Evening Bowling. Each week 8 to 14 or so bowlers turn out for whatever games we can put together based on the numbers.

Inspired by the enthusiasm and wonderful atmosphere of our park, member Boris Marks suggested we have a Luau after one of our sessions. And so it came to pass that on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 that 35 bowlers, friends and families turned out with everyone contributing pot luck items to supplement the Hawaiian BBQ chicken and Linda Bator's fabulous pulled pork. We bowled, we ate and we lingered long after the last dessert was eaten as it seemed folks simply wanted to enjoy a warm summer evening of conversation, laughs and camaraderie. As one member remarked, "you know it's a good party when no one wants to leave".



NEWPORT HARBOR

The Newport Harbor Rinks Cup was held September 10th and 11th at Newport Harbor Lawn Bowling Club. With the greens and players decked out patriotically in red, white and blue, a full field of 96 bowlers—most of the best in Southern California—played on the first day. The field was whittled down to 8 teams (32 bowlers) who returned for a second day of tense competition for 1st place prize money of \$2011.

The format of this rinks tournament was somewhat unique. Teams were required to have at least 1 novice, 1 male, 1 female, and a 4th bowler in any category. This team setup allows the Rinks Cup to provide the maximum opportunity to combine experienced talent with fresh enthusiasm. Cont.

NEWPORT HARBOR cont.

The goal of the tournament was to have accomplished bowlers mentor players new to the game of rinks and experience competition at its best. Of course, another goal was to simply have fun. A catered party for all participants wrapped up the first day of play.

There was a lot of joy on the greens during this tournament, with many participants wanting us to make it an annual event. The committee comprised of Newport Harbor members Chris and Debby Gaal, Jan and Tom Hargraves, Cathy and John MacDonald, Phil Luth, and Ted Farfaglia are now making plans for a 2017 reprise of the event and hope to attract top bowlers from all divisions.

Corporate sponsors for the Newport Harbor Rinks Cup included Dog Republic, Pedego Electric Bikes, and Openers Plus. In addition to these sponsors, the following families underwrote this event: Farfaglia, Gaal, Hirsch, Luth, Mulvaney and Wysopal.

We hope to see some of you when we host this tournament again next year! Here are the tournament final standings!

4th place Anne Nunes, Bill Brault, Kottia Spangler, Dave Moore

3rd place Brian Stewart, Kim Heiser, Chris Gaal, Clay Nolde

2nd place Rick Gregory, James Flower, Heidi Fernandes, Steve Alessi



1st place Larry Dunn, Don Stewart, Doreen Mayo and Dave Breedon

LONG BEACH LAWN BOWLING CLUB

Izzie Forbes Vet-Novice Mixed or Matched Triples.

Many thanks to Long Beach Lawn Bowling club for hosting SWD's 2nd Izzie Forbes Vet Novice triples event, on Sunday September 18th.

With 26 teams and 26 novices, Izzie would have been thrilled to see these new faces on the green. Izzie's favorite lunch of hot-dogs, beans and potato salad was served along with fabulous desserts provided by the hospitality team at Long Beach.



Izzie Forbes



Norma Goodhart - Bruce Williams - Jim Olsen

First Place Winners

BOWLS USA VICE Clinic at Long Beach

With temperatures close to 100° Kottia Spangler, SW Division Coach, and SW Division Umpire, along with 5 certified club coaches from Long Beach conducted a very useful vice clinic at the Long Beach Lawn Bowling Club Sunday, September 25. Twenty-five club vices from three different SW Division clubs (Long Beach, The Groves and Santa Ana) participated in the training session.

Kottia's expertise, both as a Coach and a Head Umpire, and her playful approach to the rules and responsibilities of playing Vice were enthusiastically received and appreciated by all.

SAN DIEGO LAWN BOWLING CLUB

The SDLBC's 2016 Novice Tournament is under way with 10 participants. The format is double-elimination with games to 18 points. The players schedule each game themselves within a two-week period for each round.

We've been tracking the tournament and keeping participants current by emailing an updated bracket in pdf format to all players after each game score is reported. As well, there's a hard copy posted in the clubhouse.

The bracket includes the game scores (including number of ends bowled) and the cutoff date for each round of the tournament. The final is scheduled for 20 November 2016.

LAGUNA BEACH LAWN BOWLING CLUB

On Oct 21 2016 the Laguna Beach Lawn Bowling Club will hold the Australian Police Championships. Thirty-seven Australian police officers will visit and play our Laguna Beach Police Team and the Laguna Beach Firefighters Team. Aside from the international flavor of the tournament, this is a major event because it has apparently never been held in the United States before.

The President of Bowls USA will address the participants and spectators as well as play against the Australian Police. Three newspapers will be running stories about the event and the Mayor of Laguna Beach, a Color Guard and professional photographers will also be in attendance. Needless to say, there will be a huge reception as well. We expect the event will be a tremendous success!

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Construction at Coronado LBC



The John D. Spreckels Center and Bowling Green is scheduled for a Grand Opening on December 8, 2016. It will be the home of the Coronado Lawn Bowling Club. The facility will have a very large kitchen and multi-purpose room. The architect included bowling storage rooms and equipment storage rooms at the back.

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SWWD California Bears Tournament



Winners (L-R) Rosa Baer, Candy DeFazio, Linda Roberts, and Margi Rambo

Congratulations



Although this is news from earlier this year, it doesn't make it any less noteworthy. At the World Bowls Awards Banquet held in January of this year, the World Bowls Tour awarded Neil Furman the Overseas Player of the Year Award. Ranked 24 on the Tour this year, Neil was ranked 18 last year and continues to represent the United States at the highest levels of competition in our sport.

Past recipients of this prestigious award include names such as Bryant, Allcock, Foster, Marshall, Gourlay, and Harlow. Heady company indeed. Congratulations Neil!

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Youth Program at Alhambra Bowls Club

ABC recently partnered with Emmaus Lutheran Church School in Alhambra to teach an eight-week P.E. class in lawn bowling.

After an initial two-hour workshop, the class is held every Tuesday for 45 minutes with thirty-three 5th and 6th graders. Everyone seems to be enjoying the class.

With a great deal of help from bowlers across the SW Division we were able to gather borrowed and donated small bowls to use.

Special thanks to Jack Quinn of Friendly Valley LBC for purchasing two brand new sets of Taylor 00 bowls for our youth program.



News Bowls donated by Jack Quinn.



Lee Ang coaching a student.



PIMD Division Editor: Jim Corr

PIMD Tournaments Well Attended

By Ginger Harris, President, PIMD

Continuing the year-long 50th anniversary celebration, PIMD bowlers have been signing up for tournaments in numbers larger than they have been in the past several years.

The 2x2 Mixed Fours was sponsored by the Berkeley LBC but held at the Oakland LBC due to some issues with the Berkeley green. Friends helping friends! A full set of teams from across PIMD enjoyed a beautiful day on the green not only trying to roll their best shots, but also explaining the game to passers-by who are intrigued by our sport and stop to watch as they meander their way through the park! At the end of the day, the Berkeley team of John Hooper, Cathy Dinnean, Cris Benton and Sarah Allday took top honors. Three new players in this tournament, Tim Christie, Joy Guy, and novice Michelle Matthews also took home some prize money.



2x2 Mixed Fours Winners (l-r): BLBC's Sarah Allday, John Hooper, Cathy Dinnean, and Cris Benton

Trying to replicate the summer weather temperatures in the outback (not really), the Australian Pairs tournament was played on August 13. Because this tournament has become so popular, the venue was changed and the 28 teams (double the entries from 2015) filled two of the three greens available at Rossmoor LBC. Cont.

After three games, with 3 wins and the best plus points the Fresno team of Janice Bell and Russ Leonard took first place, followed by Berkeley bowlers Rob Hoey and Shawn Roney, Palo Alto's Ian and Ginger Harris, and Rossmoor's Gerry Roliz and Ozzie Ozario. Balloons to help celebrate our 50th, prizes paid out to the top nine finishing teams, and bottles of Australia's best wine (or at least the best that Safeway had in stock) for the team in possession of the Australian flag at the end of game three contributed to the festivities. The flag was earned by scoring 5 or more points in one end. If you missed out on the fun this year, put it on your calendar for 2017, mates!



PIMD Aussie Pairs Top Finishers (l-r): Gerry Roliz, Shawn Roney, Rob Hoey, Janice Bell, Russ Leonard, Ginger Harris, Ian Harris (missing, Ozzie Ozario)

The McLaren Mixed Triples is played every year at the San Francisco LBC. Open to bowlers from all PIMD clubs, the tournament is named in honor of John McLaren, one of the architects who helped design Golden Gate Park back in the 1870s and an early vice-president of SFLBC.

As you should all know, San Francisco can have some interesting weather conditions even in the middle of what we call "summer"! This year, on August 20, twenty triples teams of avid bowlers (again, an increase from 2015) turned up to do friendly battle with Mother Nature and other bowling enthusiasts. The day actually turned out just fine, and bowlers, as always, enjoyed the welcoming San Francisco club facilities, seeing and bowling with friends from other clubs, and waving to tour buses and tourists as they passed by the greens. Top honors this year went to the team of Reggie Banares, Robb Pawlak and Jerry Knott. First time McLaren players, team Michelle Matthews, John MacMorris and Tim Christie came in 4th out of 20 teams!! Congratulations, all! Cont.

McLaren Mixed Triples cont.



2016 PIMD McLaren Triples Winners displaying their vast riches (l-r)—Robb Pawlak, Reggie Banares, Jerry Knott

The theme of enhanced turnout was picked up in a new event on the tournament schedule: the PIMD Men's Fives, which brought a full green of 40 bowlers from the Bay Area on a beautiful sundrenched August 10 to Sunnyvale LBC.

The Rinks or Fours and the Singles were the morning matches, then lunch, followed by Pairs and Triples in the afternoon. During lunch, there was a drawing for the PIMD 50th Anniversary raffle, and the winners for the coin and pin were: George Vlachos (SFLBC) and Tim Christie (PALBC). The top two prizes were collected by teams from Palo Alto. First: John Hickson, Jon Yee, Fred Anast, Bob Schwartz, and Tim Christie (see picture); Second: Bud Burkenseer, Sam Hebert, Jerry Knott, Frank Matyskiela, and Robb Pawlak (SF). Interested spectators included Tekla and Joe (Hall of Famer) Shepard, and Ken and Helen Brady back from a recent visit Down Under.



This format has undoubtedly proven to be a success not just by the turnout, but by the responses from many of the bowlers who showed up. We hope to repeat it next

year, and add to the schedule a Mixed 5s i.e., having at least one of each gender on your team.

PIMD Community Outreach

It has been an adventure trying to coordinate schedules in order to turn over the car load of donations collected by PIMD clubs for our deployed troops and veterans at the Menlo Park VA Hospital.

On August 24, Claire Starry and Brenda Ternullo, representatives from the San Mateo County Blue Star Moms joined the Wednesday evening after-bowling dinner at the Palo Alto LBC to share a little bit about the work that they do.

The group collects donations of personal care items, candy, peanuts, cookies, crossword puzzle books, socks, sweatshirts, protein bars, small toys (which they give to children in their overseas areas), instant drink mixes, hot chocolate ---- lots of things that we take for granted and stop by our local shops to purchase whenever the mood strikes. These items are packaged up and mailed overseas to troops. As Claire and Brenda shared, they try to find names of servicemen and servicewomen who usually don't get these little "care packages" from home. The mothers in their group work tirelessly and are happy to do it.

All of the items that clubs donated, as well as those that were purchased with cash donations, are now waiting to be sent out. A "Dinner for a Donation" was held on September 21. All funds collected were donated to the Blue Star Moms to help defray postage costs.



Cheryl and Audie Anderson (Palo Alto LBC) with Blue Star Mothers Claire Starry and Brenda Ternullo

Rossmoor LBC News

As it had done for the PIMD men's and women's Pairs Playdowns (see Summer newsletter), Rossmoor hosted the Playdowns for the men's and women's Singles, which were held during the last two weekends of July.



Nick Christensen

On the men's side 12 initial entrants were pared to six for final qualifying round on the second weekend. It was a close fought contest, with any of three players having a shot as they entered the final match, but after two days in the heat, grueling and dehydrating at times, Nick Christensen (San Jose) emerged as winner, repeating his 2015 feat and will once again represent PIMD at the Nationals in Arizona.



Pauline de Assis

There were four participants in the women's Singles: Angie Peet (San Francisco), Cathy Dinnean (Berkeley), Nikki Schrager (Oakland) and one from RLBC, Pauline de Assis. With a small field, tournament director Bud Birkenseer prescribed a round robin format to 21 points per game, with the possibility of completing the event in one day unless there was a tie. As it turned out,

there *was* a tie between Angie Peet and Pauline de Assis. On the following the day, the tie-breaker was a pretty close game with the competitors still being level at 18 apiece, but Pauline de Assis held on, and took the win.

Rossmoor LBC News

On the purely fun side, RLBC held a Handicap Triples Draw with bowlers in their red, white and blue patriotic colors (see photo) for Labor Day. The weather was warm but not too hot with breezes to fan the heat. After the game which involved no entry fee or prize money, the 60 bowlers, their friends, spouses or significant others marched up to Sportsmen's Park, behind the greens, to enjoy some juicy steaks grilled by Chef Ed de Assis, with salads, beans, and for desserts there was watermelon, of course, muffins (red, white & blue, would you believe?!) and English Trifles, plus all those cooling refreshing drinks. It hit the spot - good food, camaraderie, and music. What a day!



Rossmore Labor Day Celebration

September also saw the Four Score Singles. Eight youthful participants 80 years or more vied for the championship spot. The games were played to 15 points and completed in the usual format of two games a day with the semi-finals and finals on the third day. They played back to back on all three days - didn't tire them all that much it seems. The four semifinalists were Fred Barnes, Dan Belton, Glenn Hogg, and Joe Masinas, and in that round Barnes came out ahead of Masinas and Belton ahead of Hogg. The final match-up between Barnes and Belton was close and exciting and they tied twice, but Belton won the race for the Championship with a 15-11 victory.

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Bowls in Scotland—A Personal Account

Steve Englehart and his wife, Terry, took a trip to Scotland over the summer and ran into some lawn bowling clubs along the way. Here's an account of their findings by Steve.

We did not set out for Scotland with the sole aim of finding bowls clubs, but it was certainly a nice side effect. After a day exploring Glasgow, we headed out of the city, but took a wrong turn down a little country road. As we retraced our steps, we saw a game on a green right beside the road. It was raining lightly, and the players were wearing rain suits. One of them smoked a pipe the whole time he was bowling. We sat and watched under an umbrella loaned us by the wife of one of the players, who explained that if you couldn't play in the rain in Scotland, you couldn't play, so they just suit up and go on. The green abuts a cemetery (see picture), which raises the question: if the jack goes out of bounds, would that be a dead end?



Bowls in Scotland—A Personal Account., cont.

From there, we made our way up to Inverness, where Terry found one of the five clubs in town that said “Welcome newcomers” and had a session scheduled for Friday evening. We dropped by and found them debating whether to play because their grass had just been fertilized and the bowls’ tracks left black marks. But with us arriving, that pushed the debate toward playing, and we did. They were a friendly group like our colleagues in Oakland, if a tad more reserved in their Scottish way. We found that the game was just the same, with two exceptions: (1) the score for the first end is always 1, no matter how many points the winners score. They treat the first end as a “get a feel for the game tonight” session; (2) the score is kept on a small card by one player (or an onlooker) rather than on a scoreboard for all to see. One non-exception is they don’t worry about wearing white (except in the rain suits.)



Advertising in Inverness

Meandering our way to the west coast, we spotted several more rinks along the road, but without players. Eventually, we got to the island of Islay (pronounced Eye-lah). Connoisseurs of whisky (rather than whiskey) will recognize Islay as home to some of Scotland’s finest single malts—the island has eight distilleries in a land area essentially the size of San Francisco.

Dropping by the green in Port Ellen, the main town, we learned that the following day there’d be a tournament, so we planned to come back, after taking a couple of photos (see picture) to show where it’s located.

A man was cleaning black stuff off the green and informed us it was worm castings. So it comes from below rather than above, as happens in Oakland where the Canadian geese are an ongoing source of (unwanted!) fertilizer.



Port Ellen LBC overlooking Leodamais Bay, Islay, Scotland

We came back the next day and sat down to watch the tournament. After a while, a man wearing a nice jacket came over to ask who we were. After we told him, he told us he was the sponsor of the tournament, in honor of his son who had died twenty years before and had been a member of this club. He was from the island but now lived in Dundee, and every year he brought the trophy over to present to the winners of the tourney. His wife came by then and was equally easy to talk to.

After the first round, we all retired to the clubhouse for snacks and Scotch. We talked to a lot of the members there, but eventually drifted back to the man in the jacket...and learned that he was in fact Sir William Stewart, formerly the science advisor to Margaret Thatcher and John Major. His wife, Lady Stewart, had been in the medical end of government herself. But though we thought it was cool to meet a lord and lady, they were also pleased that we’d turned up for his son’s commemoration, and a good time was had by all.

Once the tournament was won, they insisted that the Californians be in the victory photos. The winners were named Hamish and Andy, which set off certain associations with “Amos and Andy” in our American brains, but which we realized could not be explained to Scots. And on our return, we discovered that our kids don’t get it, either. Consigned to the dustbin of history, evidently.



Terry and Steve Englehart with Sir William and Lady Stewart and tournament winners Hamish and Andy



Bowls USA's Club Coach Course as part of a new nationwide *Coaching Program* is now available for the Southeast Division. The program is designed to assist clubs and bowlers at all levels.

Place: **Sarasota LBC**
Date: Two days: **November 9th and 10th** (Wednesday and Thursday)
Dress: **Casual – bowls shoes advised**
Cost: **\$125** includes all manual and certification as a Club Coach and Bowls USA Coach shirt.
Payment to **Bowls USA** by student or sponsoring Club.

Coaching and the development of bowls are the key elements in the success of our sport. It is the objective of **Bowls USA** to have well qualified coaches across the country to assist in raising the enjoyment and standard of our sport and to provide the necessary assistance to players of all ages and levels.

The **Club Coach Course** covers:

⌘ **Risk Management** ⌘ **Incident Management** ⌘ **Constants and Variables**
⌘ **Fundamentals** ⌘ **Goal Setting** ⌘ **Planning Coaching Sessions**
⌘ **Conducting Coaching** ⌘ **Coaching Review**

NOTE: *Must be bowling at least two years*
Must be a member of Bowls USA
Class Size: Maximum 14 participants

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